

HOUSE BILL 3824

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
relative to a pilot project to provide certain
assistance for high school students.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 4, is amended by
adding the following as a new section:

49-6-452. In any county with a population of nine hundred thousand (900,000) or more, according to the 2010 federal census or any subsequent federal census, the department of education shall engage in a four-year pilot project with a historically black college or university (HBCU) located in the county that seeks to provide to one thousand two hundred (1,200) high school students in that county with an educational intervention consisting of a motivation and tutoring process that is designed to assist the students in qualifying for Tennessee lottery scholarships in order to foster community development and crime prevention. The project will also seek to involve the board of the local education agency, schools, parents and other community resources in the project. Each participating student will have a personal tutoring plan developed for that student. The target population of students for the pilot project are students who are minorities or socio-economically at-risk of not-being able to attend eligible postsecondary institutions under title 49, chapter 4, part 9, and who have a high school grade point average of at least 2.5. The participating HBCU will also be responsible for conducting a four-year tracking study of participating students in order to identify causes for trends in participant's grades, recommend appropriate remedial measures and otherwise evaluate the implementation of the program.

SECTION 2. The provisions of this act shall not be construed to be an appropriation of funds and no funds shall be obligated or expended pursuant to this act unless such funds are specifically appropriated by the general appropriations act.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012, the public welfare requiring it.